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Cora L. Jones, Regional Director Great Plains Regional Office Bureau of Indian Affairs U.S. Department of the Interior 115 Fourth Avenue S.E. Aberdeen, SD 57401 Larry Bodin, Acting Superintendent Pine Ridge Agency Bureau of Indian Affairs U.S. Department of the Interior P.O. Box 1203 Pine Ridge, SD 57770

Re:	In the Matter of U.S. Department of Interior,
	Pine Ridge and Kyle Road Shop Facilities
	UNDER GROUND INJECTION CONTROL
	Proposed Administrative Order and Opportunity to
	Request a Hearing
	Docket No. SDWA-08-2003-0038

Dear Assistant Secretary Martin, Regional Director Jones and Mr. Bodin:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") has found the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pine Ridge Agency ("BIA"), in violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act ("SDWA"), 42 U.S.C.

§ 300f <u>et seq.</u>, and the Underground Injection Control ("UIC") regulations codified at 40 C.F.R. parts 124, 144, 146, 147, and 148 at the BIA Pine Ridge and Kyle Road Shop facilities. Specifically, EPA has determined that BIA failed to properly permit, retrofit or close its UIC Class V disposal systems located at the Pine Ridge and Kyle Road Shops during its period of ownership in violation of the SDWA and the UIC regulations.



Notice is hereby provided that in response to the alleged violations, EPA proposes to issue to BIA the enclosed Proposed Administrative Order ("PAO") with administrative civil penalties in accordance with SDWA section 1447(b)(2), 42 U.S.C. § 300j-6(b)(2). EPA is proposing in the enclosed PAO an administrative penalty of \$28,691.00 for the violations. Any Federal agency that violates any requirement of the UIC program is subject to enforcement action under section 1447 of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-6. Enforcement may include administrative penalties of up to \$25,000 per day for each violation and mandate compliance with all provisions of the SDWA in accordance with 1423(c), 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2(c).

As described in the enclosed PAO and in accordance with SDWA § 1447(b)(3), 42 U.S.C. § 300j-6(b)(3), Respondent may request within thirty (30) days of receiving this PAO a hearing on this matter. Such request must be made in writing and must specify the factual and legal issues in dispute and the specific factual and legal grounds for Respondent's defense(s). At the hearing, Respondent may contest any material fact set forth herein and the propriety of the proposed penalty described above. If Respondent does not request a hearing, EPA may finalize this PAO, thereby assessing the full penalty proposed above. You must address your written request for a hearing to:

Ms. Tina Artemis, Regional Hearing Clerk (8RC) U.S. EPA, Region 8 999 18th Street, Suite 300 Denver, CO 80202-2466

If you request a hearing, it will be conducted according to the procedures set forth in the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders, and the Revocation, Termination, or Suspension of Permits (40 C.F.R. Part 22), a copy of which is enclosed. This hearing will formally provide the Respondent an opportunity to demonstrate why the PAO should not be issued, why its terms should be modified, or why the penalty set forth in the PAO should be reduced or waived. The hearing will be held on the record. You will be notified promptly of the date and location of the hearing.

BIA may be represented by legal counsel at the hearing. Subject to rulings of the Presiding Officer, you will have the opportunity to present witnesses and documentary evidence bearing on the violations cited in the PAO, and on specific steps you propose to take to remedy the violations. Following any hearing, or if a hearing is not conducted, EPA will review any comments submitted on the PAO.

BIA has an opportunity to confer with the Administrator prior to the PAO becoming final after the administrative proceedings subject to Part 22 have been fully exhausted, including the filing of an appeal with the Environmental Appeals Board ("EAB") pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.30. Within thirty (30) days of service of the EAB's final decision, BIA may file a written request with the Administrator seeking an opportunity to confer. This order will become final pursuant to section 1447(b)(3), 42 U.S.C. § 300j-6(b)(3), if no written request to confer is filed within the designated thirty (30) day period.

Whether or not you request a hearing, we encourage you to confer informally with EPA concerning the alleged violations to negotiate a settlement in lieu of proceeding with a formal hearing. You may wish to appear at an informal conference yourself and/or be represented by your counsel. To arrange for such a conference, please contact Amy Swanson, Enforcement Attorney, Legal Enforcement Program, at the number provided below. While an informal conference procedure may be pursued as an alternative to, or simultaneous with, a hearing, request for such a conference does not extend the thirty (30) day period during which a request for hearing must be submitted.

Notice of EPA's PAO and the opportunity to provide written comments on the PAO is also being provided to the public pursuant to section 1447(b)(4)(A) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-6(b)(4)(A). Any person who comments on the PAO has a right to participate in the hearing.

If you have any technical questions relating to this matter, please call Nathan Wiser, Technical Enforcement Program, at (303) 312-6211. All legal questions can be directed to Ms. Amy Swanson at (303) 312-6906. We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Timothy Osag for/

Elisabeth Evans, Director Technical Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

#### Enclosures:

Proposed Administrative Order 40 C.F.R. Part 22 Public Notice

cc: John Yellowbird Steele, Oglala Sioux Tribe Kim Clausen-Jensen, Oglala Sioux Tribe Jerry Gidner, BIA

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8

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Bureau of Indian Affairs,	ORDER AND OPPORTUNITY
Great Plains Region and	) TO REQUEST A HEARING
Pine Ridge Agency	)
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(Pine Ridge Road Shop and	)
Kyle Road Shop Facilities)	)
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Respondent.	)
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## **STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

This is a civil administrative action issued under the authority vested in the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") by Sections 1447 and 1423(c) of the Safe Drinking Water Act ("Act"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 300j-6 and 300h-2(c). The Administrator has properly delegated this authority to the undersigned EPA officials. This proceeding is governed by the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders, and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits ("Consolidated Rules") set forth at 40 C.F.R. part 22, a copy of which is enclosed.

#### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 1. All general allegations apply to and are incorporated by reference in each of the counts set forth in this proposed Administrative Order ("Order").
  - 2. Section 1421 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300h, authorizes EPA to promulgate

regulations for underground injection control ("UIC") programs setting forth minimum requirements to prevent underground injection which endangers regulated drinking water sources. EPA has promulgated such regulations at 40 C.F.R. parts 124, 144, 146, 147, and 148.

- 3. Pursuant to Section 1422(e) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300h-1(e), and 40 C.F.R. § 147.2101, EPA administers the UIC Program for all Class I, III, IV, and V wells, including those on Indian lands, in the State of South Dakota as of December 30, 1984.
- 4. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 144.3, the term "Director", as used in 40 C.F.R. parts 124, 144, and 146, means the EPA Regional Administrator where there is no approved State or Tribal UIC program.
- 5. Pursuant to SDWA § 1447, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-6, the Administrator may assess a civil penalty against a federal entity in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 per day per violation of an applicable requirement of the Act.
- 6. EPA is authorized to issue compliance orders to federal facilities pursuant to SDWA § 1423(c), 42 U.S.C. § 300h-2(c).
- 7. The Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA" or "Respondent") is a Bureau of the United States Department of the Interior and a "person" within the meaning of Section 1401(12) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f(12).
- 8. Class V injection wells defined at 40 C.F.R. §§ 144.3 and 144.80 and classified at 40 C.F.R. § 144.6(e) are shallow wells used to place a variety of non-RCRA hazardous fluids directly below the land surface. Class V wells, examples of which are listed in 40 C.F.R. § 144.81, release waste fluids into or above shallow groundwater and include commercial or industrial septic systems, sumps, drain fields, french drains, cesspools, abandoned drinking water wells, dry wells and infiltration galleries.

- 9. The applicable regulations for Class V wells are set forth at 40 C.F.R. parts 144 through 147.
- 10. On September 18, 2000, EPA conducted an inspection at the Pine Ridge Road Shop facility (identified by EPA's UIC Program with Facility Id. No. SD 5000-04063) ("Pine Ridge facility"), an automotive engine repair and maintenance facility located within the exterior boundaries of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. EPA observed at the time of the inspection six (6) vehicle maintenance bays with separate floor drains. The floor drains were connected to a pipe which released fluids underground via drainage tiles to the southwest of the facility.
- 11. On September 19, 2000, EPA conducted an inspection at the Kyle Road Shop facility (identified by EPA's UIC Program with Facility Id. No. SD 5000-04064) ("Kyle facility"), an automotive engine repair and maintenance facility located within the exterior boundaries of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. EPA observed at the time of the inspection a floor drain in a maintenance bay used for removing snow melt from vehicles. The drain was connected to a septic tank and leachfield. Drums containing chemicals and maintenance equipment were stored in the maintenance bay in proximity to the floor drain.
- 12. On September 19, 2000, EPA received a "Shallow Waste Disposal System/Well Inventory Request Form" ("form") for the Pine Ridge facility. On the form, Respondent's representative answers affirmatively that the facility disposes of waste fluids excepting sanitary wastes through a connection to a septic system with a floor drain, has a washing operation connected to a septic system in the vicinity of the maintenance bays, and stores or hauls away waste fluids including wash water, oil, fuel, solvent and antifreeze.
- 13. On November 30, 2001, EPA issued Respondent a letter determining that the Respondent operates at least two Class V disposal systems as industrial disposal wells, one each

at the Pine Ridge and Kyle facilities, and requiring that Respondent either apply for a permit or discontinue using the disposal systems by January 4, 2002, within thirty (30) days of receipt.

- 14. On December 13, 2001, Respondent completed a "Shallow Waste Disposal System/Well Inventory Request Form" ("form") for the Kyle facility. On the form, Respondent's representative answers affirmatively that the facility disposes of waste fluids excepting sanitary wastes through a connection to a septic system with a floor drain, has a washing operation connected to a septic system in the vicinity of the maintenance bays, and stores or hauls away waste fluids including wash water, oil, fuel, solvent and antifreeze.
- 15. On January 4, 2002, Respondent faxed EPA a response letter to the November 30, 2001 communication stating that Respondent intended to discontinue using the Class V disposal systems at the facilities per an attached letter. The attached letter was not provided to EPA.
- 16. On June 11, 2002, EPA reinspected the Pine Ridge and Kyle facilities. The inspectors observed that the six (6) vehicle maintenance bay floor drains at the Pine Ridge facility were operational, allowing continued discharge of automotive-related waste fluids underground via the original drain tiles seen during the September 18, 2000 inspection. The inspectors observed no evidence of any change in compliance at the Kyle facility.
- 17. On September 17, 2002, EPA issued Respondent a Notice of Noncompliance for failing to timely respond to EPA's November 30, 2001 letter and again directing that Respondent either permit or close the facilities' Class V injection wells.
- 18. At all times relevant herein, Respondent owned or operated at least two Class V wells at the facilities.
- 19. Respondent has not notified EPA that the facilities have been returned to compliance with the applicable UIC Class V regulations by either permitting or closing the

disposal systems.

- 20. The types of fluids injected into motor vehicle waste disposal wells have been studied as part of the development of regulations that govern them. In the preamble to the proposed regulation addressing motor vehicle waste disposal wells, published in Federal Register on July 29, 1998, EPA described several contaminants commonly associated with these types of wells. These contaminants include benzene, toluene, xylenes, barium, cadmium, chromium, lead, ethylene glycol, and methylene chloride.
- 21. In the preamble to the final regulation addressing motor vehicle waste disposal wells, published in the Federal Register on December 7, 1999, EPA describes samples of injectate collected from motor vehicle waste disposal wells in New York, South Dakota and Montana. The sample results include benzene, tetrachloroethylene and methylene chloride detected above the maximum contaminant level.
- 22. The High Plains aquifer is the most common source of drinking water for the towns of Pine Ridge and Martin, South Dakota. The bedrock in which the High Plains aquifer is found is composed of fine to medium-grained sand, as well as poorly or unconsolidated sandstone, silt, gravel and clay. Depth to the aquifer is as shallow as 10 feet. Respondent's two motor vehicle waste disposal wells inject waste directly into the soil located above the High Plains aquifer.
- 23. EPA promulgated regulations, effective on April 1, 2000, that require operators of motor vehicle waste disposal wells to either seek and obtain a UIC permit, or close their wells.

  Any UIC permit issued would require that operators sample their waste injected into the permitted Class V well. Sample results must indicate that no MCLs would be exceeded.

#### Count I

## (Failure to permit or discontinue well)

- 24. Respondent's subsurface disposal systems located at the facilities are Class V injection wells as defined at 40 C.F.R. §§ 144.3 and 144.80 and classified at 40 C.F.R. § 144.6(e), more specifically defined as motor vehicle waste disposal wells at 40 C.F.R. § 144.81(16).
- 25. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 144.24, a Class V injection well is authorized by rule subject to the conditions in 40 C.F.R. § 144.84.
- 26. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 144.84, Class V injection activity is generally authorized by rule meaning persons need only comply with all applicable requirements and not obtain an individual permit subject to listed exceptions. The exceptions include, but are not limited to, persons who fail to comply with the prohibition of fluid movement set forth at section 144.12(a) and described in section 144.82(a); persons who own or operate a Class V large-capacity cesspool or motor vehicle waste disposal well in a ground water protection or sensitive ground water area; persons specifically required by EPA to obtain a permit; persons who fail to submit inventory information to the UIC Program Director; and persons who fail to comply in a timely manner with a request for additional information under section 144.83(b). In these instances, persons need obtain a permit, close the well, or comply with other conditions determined by EPA in specified in the regulation.
- 27. Respondent failed to obtain a permit or close the facility by January 4, 2002, as specifically required by EPA in its letter dated November 30, 2001.
  - 28. Respondent has failed to subsequently permit or close the disposal systems.
- 29. Respondent's failure to apply for a permit or discontinue using the disposal systems as requested by EPA constitutes a violation of 40 C.F.R. § 144.84 and the Act.

#### Count 2

# (Failure to timely submit a permit application or requested information)

- 30. 40 C.F.R. § 144.24(c) prohibits an owner or operator of a well authorized by rule from injecting into the well upon, among other things, failure to submit a permit application in a timely manner pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 144.25 or 144.31; failure to submit inventory information in a timely manner pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 144.26; or failure to comply with a request for information in a timely manner pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 144.27.
- 31. Respondent failed to comply with EPA's letter dated November 30, 2001 requesting that the Respondent either apply for a permit or discontinue using the Class V disposal systems by January 4, 2002.
- 32. Respondent's continued operation or use of the Class V disposal wells after failing to submit a permit application or provide additional request for information in a timely manner as requested by EPA on November 30, 2001 constitutes a violation of 40 C.F.R. § 144.24(c) and the Act.

# Count 3 (Failure to close or retrofit well to prevent USDW contamination)

- 33. 144.12(a) provides, in part, that, no owner or operator shall operate, maintain or conduct any other injection activity in a manner that allows the movement of fluid containing any contaminant into underground sources of drinking water if the presence of that contaminant may cause a violation of any primary drinking water regulation under 40 C.F.R. part 141or may otherwise adversely affect the health of persons.
- 34. On November 30, 2001, EPA issued Respondent a letter determining that the Respondent operates at least two Class V disposal systems as industrial disposal wells, one each at the Pine Ridge and Kyle facilities, and requiring that Respondent either apply for a permit or

discontinue using the disposal systems by January 4, 2002, within thirty (30) days of receipt.

35. Respondent failed to comply with the requirements set forth in the November 30, 2002 notice of violation and continues to operate, maintain or conduct injection activity at the facilities' Class V disposal systems which may allow movement of fluid containing contaminants in concentrations above the maximum contaminant level for primary drinking water standards into underground sources of drinking water.

36. The failure to discontinue the use of the facilities' Class V disposal systems may endanger or otherwise affect the health of persons.

37. Respondent failed to close or retrofit the facilities' Class V disposal systems in a manner that would keep contaminants from entering a USDW in violation of 40 C.F.R. §144.12(a) and the Act.

# PROPOSED ORDER WITH ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL PENALTY

Pursuant to Section 1447(b) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-6(b), and based on the foregoing findings, after taking into account the seriousness of the alleged violations, the population at risk, and other appropriate factors including with respect to the violator, ability to pay, the past history of such violations, degree of culpability, and other matters as justice may require, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

Respondent shall pay an administrative civil penalty (the "Penalty") in the amount of \$28,691.00 for the violations of the Act and UIC regulations described above. Payment must be made by money order or certified check made payable to "Treasurer, United States of America" and mailed within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order to the following address:

EPA - Region 8 Regional Hearing Clerk P.O. Box 360859 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15251

A copy of said check shall be mailed to the following address:

Amy Swanson (8ENF-L) Enforcement Attorney U.S. EPA - Region 8 999 18th Street, Suite 300 Denver, Colorado 80202-2466

### PROPOSED COMPLIANCE ORDER

- 1. Respondent shall comply with one of the following within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order:
  - a. Submit plans in writing for closure of the Class V disposal system, including a schedule for plugging the drains or retrofitting the disposal systems, and a plan for alternative disposal for the waste in accordance with the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 144.12 (a), (c), and (d). The plan must address the specific type, specifications and size of tanks to be installed, installation requirements, and provide a schedule for integrity testing and regular maintenance, inspections and monitoring requirements. EPA will review the proposed plan and schedule and either approve them or provide Respondent with written comments within fifteen (15) days of receipt. Once the closure or retrofitting has been accomplished, documentation must be provided including an as-built sketch of the drain system(s) showing where changes have been made. The drain system(s) must be closed or retrofitted in a manner that will prevent future use; or
  - Submit a completed permit application form for continued use of the existing
     Class V disposal system(s) in accordance with the requirements of 40 C.F.R.
     § 144.25(a). The required fluid analysis must accompany the permit application.

The sample must be representative of the waste fluids disposed of in the Class V system. To obtain representative samples of the fluids from the shop floor drain and associated septic tank, the Respondent must use the procedures from the enclosed "Proper Handling of the Fluid Sample." Each analysis must include the constituents listed on the enclosed "List of Required Constituents for Analysis." A quarterly analysis of the waste fluid will be a condition in all permits issued for Class V wells of this type. Any UIC permit written from these facilities will require that all MCLs must be met at the point of injection.

2. Please submit all requested documentation to:

Nathan Wiser (MC 8ENF-T) U.S. EPA Region VIII 999 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300 Denver, CO 80202-2466

# NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A HEARING

1. Under Section 1447(b)(3) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-6(b)(3), Respondent may request, within thirty (30) days of receiving this Proposed Administrative Order, a hearing on this matter. Such request must be made in writing and must specify the factual and legal issues in dispute and the specific factual and legal grounds for Respondent's defense(s). At the hearing, Respondent may contest any material fact set forth herein and the propriety of the proposed penalty described above. The procedures for a hearing, if one is requested, are set out in the attached Consolidated Rules. If Respondent does not request a hearing, EPA may finalize this Order, thereby assessing the full penalty proposed above.

Respondent has an opportunity to confer with the Administrator prior to the order becoming final after the administrative proceedings subject to Part 22 have been fully exhausted,

including the filing of an appeal with the Environmental Appeals Board ("EAB") pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.30. Within thirty (30) days of service of the EAB's final decision, Respondent may file a written request with the Administrator seeking an opportunity to confer. This order will become final pursuant to section 1447(b)(3), 42 U.S.C. § 300j-6(b)(3), if no written request to confer is filed within the designated thirty (30) day period.

2. Respondent must send any request for a hearing to:

Tina Artemis Regional Hearing Clerk U.S. EPA Region 8, 8RC 999 18th Street, Suite 300 Denver, Colorado 80202-2466

- 3. Respondent may confer informally with EPA concerning the alleged violation or the amount of the proposed penalty regardless of whether Respondent requests a hearing.

  Respondent may be represented by counsel at the informal conference. If a settlement is reached, it will be formalized in a document entitled Consent Agreement and finalized by the issuance of a Final Order by the Regional Judicial Officer. If Respondent wishes to confer informally with EPA, please contact Amy Swanson, Enforcement Attorney, at (303) 312-6906.
- 4. Respondent is advised that EPA is required to notify the public about this action, and that members of the public have a right under Section 1447(b)(4)(A) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-6(b)(4)(A), to comment on this matter. Those members of the public who comment will also have the right to present evidence and be heard at any hearing on this matter.
- 5. EPA will review any comments submitted on the Proposed Administrative Order and will thereafter determine whether to modify or withdraw the Proposed Order or whether to

issue a Final Administrative Order and whether to adjust the proposed penalty.

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 1. This Order does not constitute a waiver, suspension, or modification of the requirements of 144, 146, 147 or any other applicable provision of the Act or the UIC regulations implementing the Act, which remain in full force and effect. Issuance of this Order is not an election by the EPA to forego any civil or any criminal action otherwise authorized under the Act.
- 2. Pursuant to section 1449(a) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-8(a), Respondent may be subject to a citizen suit for failure to perform the compliance activities ordered herein or pay the penalty within 18 months of the final order. Violation of the terms of this Order after its effective date may subject Respondent to further enforcement action.

# **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Order shall become effective thirty (30) days following its issuance unless an appeal is taken pursuant to section 1447(b)(3) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-6(b)(3).

\_\_\_\_\_Issued this <u>3RD</u> day of <u>July</u> , 2003.

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION VIII Complainant.

## **Timothy Osag for/**

Elisabeth Evans, Director Technical Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice

### Michael T. Risner

Michael T. Risner, Director David J. Janik, Senior Attorney Legal Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance

## and Environmental Justice

## SIGNED

Amy Swanson, Enforcement Attorney U.S. EPA, Region VIII 999 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300 (8ENF-L) Denver, CO 80202-2466 Colorado Atty. Reg. No. 26488 Telephone: 303/312-6906

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE COPIES OF THE ATTACHMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE REGIONAL HEARING CLERK.

THIS DOCUMENT WAS FILED IN THE RHC'S OFFICE ON JULY 3, 2003.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that the original and one copy of the attached PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER WITH ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL PENALTY was hand-carried to the Regional Hearing Clerk, EPA Region 8, 999 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Denver, Colorado, and that a true copy of same was sent via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to:

Aurene M. Martin, Acting Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs U.S. Department of the Interior 1849 C Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20240

Cora L. Jones, Regional Director Great Plains Regional Office Bureau of Indian Affairs U.S. Department of the Interior 115 Fourth Avenue S.E. Aberdeen, SD 57401

Larry Bodin, Acting Superintendent Pine Ridge Agency Bureau of Indian Affairs U.S. Department of the Interior P.O. Box 1203 Pine Ridge, SD 57770

<u>7/3/2003</u>	Amy Swanson for/
Date	Judith McTernan

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